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Sunday - 12 January 1975

Reached Marian Czarnecki, Staff Director of ~~House Foreign Affairs Committee~~, at his office this afternoon to inform him directly of our desire to get with the Committee at an early date to cover the reports required by the recent Foreign Assistance Act amendments. I said the Director would like a preliminary meeting with Chairman Morgan however. Czarnecki said he would check the Chairman's schedule and be back in touch.

I also asked Czarnecki what he thought the position of the majority of their members would be on the subject of a select committee. He said it was his feeling that although Representative Zablocki has urged establishment of a joint committee for many years, that since they now have "a piece of the action" they would oppose any proposal for a special or select committee on intelligence.

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Saturday - 11 January 1975

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25X1 1. [redacted] Tried to reach Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, but learned that he is not yet back from vacation. I then contacted Jack Sullivan of the Committee staff. I told Sullivan of my conversation of last night with Jack Brady, also a Committee staff member, and our anxiety to work out arrangements for the Foreign Assistance Act briefings on covert activities now that we have received the Presidential finding. Sullivan said he was sure that Czarnecki would not be able to focus on this for a few days because he is very much involved in preparing some material on a conference on a House Select Committee. He did say he would have Czarnecki get in touch with me when he returns, however.

25X1 2. [redacted] Chris Winters, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and asked if we could give her an address to which they could send a telegram from Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) to Ambassador Helms. After checking around and on the suggestion of Byron Morton on the NE/AIRN Desk at State and with Kempton Jenkins with State's Legislative Liaison office, it was decided the telegram should be sent to Ambassador Richard Helms, c/o Mr. Byron Morton, State Department, NE/AIRN Desk, Washington, D. C. I told Miss Winters that Helms was out of town and would be back on Monday.

25X1 3. [redacted] The Director called to advise me of a conversation with Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Texas), House Appropriations Committee, today. Mahon will be seeing the new House members and wanted the Director to know that he now feels that the oversight of the Agency's activities must be by the full Defense Subcommittee rather than by the "Special Group" as in the past.

25X1 4. [redacted] Called Russ Rourke on Jack Marsh's White House staff to talk with him about the House caucus consideration of Representative Michael Harrington's (D., Mass.) proposal for a Select Committee on Intelligence. I also mentioned the report we had received to the effect that under the custom of the House, the first sponsor of a proposal for a Select Committee which may subsequently be adopted is normally appointed Chairman of that Select Committee. I also mentioned that most of the people on the Armed Services Committee feel they can defeat the Harrington proposal in the caucus.

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1. [] In the absence of Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, ~~House Foreign Affairs Committee~~, I talked to Jack Brady, of the Committee staff, to let him know things are moving along regarding our compliance with section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act. The President has signed and sent to the Director his findings as required under the Act. At the appropriate time, the Director can get together with the Chairman. Unfortunately the Director will be scheduled almost solidly for the next two weeks with hearings on the domestic activities allegations. I said he would like to get together with the Chairman and discuss how they are going to handle it. I just wanted to let them know we've made progress on the thing and that perhaps I could get together with Czarnecki at the beginning of the week and we could get our bosses together. Brady said he would pass this information on to Czarnecki.

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2. [] Nancy Garris, on the staff of the Senate Government Operations Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, called and asked for the phone number of []. After talking with [] Ms. Garris was called and given his office phone number. She then asked for the business address of John McCone and this was given to her.

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3. [] Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and advised him that the President has signed the finding report. Braswell wanted to know when we would be giving it to Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I said I didn't know but we wanted to let our Committees know first. Braswell said he didn't think Foreign Relations would get to it next week.

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4. [] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and asked if they would be getting a prepared statement by Monday for the hearings on the domestic activities allegations. I said we would get them the statement by Tuesday.

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25X1 14. [] Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and told him we would be sending him a copy of the Director's statement to the President's Commission tomorrow morning. I said the Director wanted the Chairman to have a copy--on a confidential basis. Braswell said the Chairman had read the two papers we sent him today, "International Oil Market is Forecast" and "Soviet Defense Costs Exceed U.S. Defense Outlays." Braswell said he would like to see the whole text of the Soviet defense paper, adding that papers like this always surface at budget time. He said the paper looked like an excerpt from a lot of things and he would like to see all of the analysis. He said the Chairman is very interested in the oil problem and would like a listing of things that would be helpful.

Braswell said the Committee is meeting in executive session tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. to go over all the matters concerning the upcoming hearings.

Braswell asked what is going on concerning the President's pushing a joint committee bill. I said that the President is concerned about proliferation of sensitive information. Braswell said it depends on who he cooperates with. Those who want a joint committee are not out to help us and we better find out what the motives are.

25X1 15. [] Received a call from Marian Czarnecki, ~~House Foreign Affairs Committee staff~~, who asked if the Director could meet with the Chairman at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. Czarnecki said he would also sit in on the meeting. After checking with the Director, I called Czarnecki and said that time would not work due to another meeting the Director has tomorrow morning and asked about late Wednesday. Czarnecki said he would check and let me know.

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14. [redacted] Mr. Thuermer called to say he had received a call from Colleen, in the office of Senator Floyd K. Haskell (D., Colo.), who requested a copy of the 1949 Act. [redacted] will deliver this.

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15. [redacted] Jim Van Delley from Wakefield High School called to ask if I would speak to his foreign policy class at the end of this month. I explained that I could not possibly do this due to the press of business, but [redacted] OTR, perhaps could. I then called [redacted] and asked him to be in touch with Van Delley.

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16. [redacted] Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and told him of the visit tomorrow of the Senate staffers for a pre-briefing on the domestic activities. At first Slatinshek wanted to join this group but later agreed it would not be a good idea. Slatinshek asked if we would provide them with a list of any and all contacts the Agency has had with any of the members of the Subcommittee or its staff since Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.) became Chairman of the Intelligence Subcommittee. This is being pulled together.

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17. [redacted] Called Russ Rourke, White House staff, and asked if there was any feedback from Jack Marsh's meeting with the President yesterday concerning the number of Committees that are interested in hearings. I said we are still concerned about the proliferation of hearings but it looks like the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees are out of it. I told him Chairman Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, never did indicate any intention to hold hearings and that Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.) now says it is a domestic matter and he will stay out of it. I told Rourke that three of our Senate staffers are coming out tomorrow for a background briefing. I asked Rourke to tell Marsh that Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, has definitely scheduled hearings starting on 20 January, adjourning to 22 January until we run out of steam.

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18. [redacted] Called Rob Roy Ratliff, NSC staff, concerning the letter the Director had received from Acting Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, regarding section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act and that it would be helpful to have news of Presidential approval of the facts as soon as possible. A copy of the correspondence, including the Director's draft response were LDX'd to Ratliff. Ratliff called later and I informed him that the Director had signed the letter to Senator Sparkman.

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and I met with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and covered a number of topics. I told him we had received the President's finding as required under section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act and we were anxious to brief our four Subcommittees and the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees so as to be in strict compliance with this new provision of the law. I told the Chairman I have been in touch with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and we are attempting to arrange a meeting with Chairman Morgan and the Director in the very near future to find out who the Chairman expects to receive this information and to discuss the procedures for making the appropriate reports. I mentioned again to the Chairman we would prefer to meet with his CIA Subcommittee first before seeing the Foreign Affairs group, but this may be difficult to arrange in view of organizational meetings and other scheduling problems.

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I also briefed the Chairman on the inquiries we had received from a Minneapolis newspaper (The Star) and from Representative Donald Fraser's office demanding the disclosure of the address of the [REDACTED]. I told Nedzi we had offered to give the address to Fraser for his personal information but not for passage to the paper and he had declined to accept it

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I mentioned to the Chairman that the Director was scheduled to appear before Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, 15 January, and before Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday, 16 January, with the 17th of January being left open for follow up sessions. I told him Senator McClellan's hearing would be in executive session but it appears Senator Stennis will want his hearing to be open, however this has not been decided.

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